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This bill requires an individual receiving personal care assistance services to allow the personal care attendant to use his or her telephone for electronic visit verification (EVV) if the use does not add cost to the consumer. Refusing to allow the personal care attendant use of his or her telephone for this purpose will be grounds for termination of service.

The bill requires any personal care assistance service vendor to have, maintain, and use an EVV system by July 1, 2016. The system will be used for reporting and verifying services authorized by the Department of Health and Senior Services and for submitting reimbursement claims to the MO HealthNet Division. The minimum requirements for the system are specified in the bill.

This bill requires the Departments of Health and Senior Services, Social Services, and the Office of Administration to issue a report of findings to the General Assembly and Governor no later than June 30, 2016 to determine the effectiveness of utilizing the EVV system to reduce fraud and abuse of the MO HealthNet program. If the report of findings does not verify a reduction in fraud and abuse of the MO HealthNet program from using the EVV system, the requirement will no longer be in effect.